

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 7

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Secretary of the Senate

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RESOLUTION CHAPTER _____

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 7—Relative to Officer Stephan Gene Gray Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 7, Denham. Officer Stephan Gene Gray Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a portion of State Highway Route 99 in the City of Merced as the Officer Stephan Gene Gray Memorial Highway. The measure would also request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost for appropriate signs showing this designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs.

WHEREAS, The men and women of law enforcement have the unenviable task of guaranteeing the public's safety, and it is as difficult and dangerous as it is important, as evidenced by the death of Officer Stephan Gene Gray of the Merced Police Department, who was killed in the line of duty on April 15, 2004, while working in an undercover detail with the Special Operations Unit specializing in street level narcotics and gang violence suppression; and

WHEREAS, Officer Gray was born on August 21, 1969, in Tulare to Lonather and Andrew Gray, Sr.; he attended local schools until his family relocated to Hanford, where he graduated from Hanford High School in 1987; and

WHEREAS, Officer Gray attended Fresno City College for two years, where he actively participated in sports, including baseball, track and field, and weightlifting; and

WHEREAS, Officer Gray entered the Fresno Police Academy, and upon completion, was hired as an officer by the Merced Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his life, Officer Gray exhibited all of the most treasured human qualities that are universally recognized as true indicators of a life of fulfillment and meaning; he was admired and appreciated for his kindness, generosity of

spirit, love of family, eternal optimism, passion for working to make the world a better place, wonderful sense of humor, and genuine capacity to share his time and talents with others; and

WHEREAS, Officer Gray's love and influence on others has had an important and lasting value; and

WHEREAS, To mourn his passing and celebrate his legacy, Officer Gray leaves his lovely wife, Michelle; his children, Landess, Isaiah, and Cameron; his mother, Lonather Gray, his father, Andrew Gray, Sr.; his brothers, Andrew Gray, Jr. and Tony; his sister, Rosalind; his grandmothers Clonia Shaver and Charlie Mae Jones; his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Marge and Howard Zanders; and a host of friends and relatives; and

WHEREAS, Highly decorated, Officer Gray was a gallant and dedicated officer who exemplified the true character of the brave men and women who devote their time and energy to the perilous duties of law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, In honor of Officer Gray, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger ordered that Capitol flags be flown at half-staff; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby officially designates that portion of State Highway Route 99 between Childs Avenue and 16th Street in the City of Merced as the "Officer Stephan Gene Gray Memorial Highway"; and be it further

Resolved, That the Department of Transportation is requested to determine the cost of appropriate plaques and markers, consistent with the signing requirements for the state highway system, showing these special designations, and upon receiving donations from nonstate sources sufficient to cover that cost, to erect those plaques and markers; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the author for appropriate distribution.

Attest:

Secretary of State